

REMARKS

Claims 2 and 6-8 are now presented for examination. Claims 1 and 3-5 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 2 and 8 have been amended. Claim 2 is the only independent claim. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Claim 8 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as indefinite. The claim have been carefully reviewed and amended as deemed necessary to ensure that it conforms fully to the requirements of Section 112, second paragraph, with special attention to the points raised in the Office Action. In particular, the dependency of claim 8 has been changed so as to now depend on claim 7, ensuring antecedent basis for each recited term. It is believed that the rejection under Section 112, second paragraph, has been obviated, and its withdrawal is therefore respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 2, 5, 6 and 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent 4,291,198 (Anderson et al.). Claims 3 and 4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as obvious from Anderson et al. in view of U.S. Patent 6,002,854 (Lynch et al.). Claim 7 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as obvious from Anderson et al. in view of U.S. Patent 4,864,601 (Berry). The cancellation of claims 1 and 3-5 renders moot their rejections.

Amended independent claim 2 is directed to a multi-functional telephone apparatus comprising: (a) a storage unit configured for storing: (a1) a system data table for storing a list of system data which is used for individual functional setting of the multi-functional telephone apparatus as individual setting data, (a2) a function-classified system data table for storing a list of a plurality of groups formed by classifying the system data into respective groups according to the function, and (a3) a hardware-classified system data table for storing a list of a plurality of groups formed by classifying the system data into respective groups according to hardware making up the multi-functional telephone apparatus. The apparatus also comprises (b) a selection item selection unit configured for selecting one of a plurality of selection items in the storage unit displayed collectively wherein the system data

table, the function-classified system data table, and the hardware-classified system data table serve as selection items, and (c) a system data setting unit configured for enabling setting of individual system data belonging to a displayed group by displaying the group belonging to a selection item when one of the selection items is selected by the selection item selection unit.

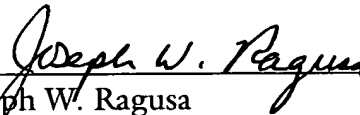
Anderson relates to a general purpose electronic telephone station set. In Anderson, Figure 8 shows station set display sequences in conjunction with screen-line buttons to demonstrate use of the telephone station set. However, Applicant finds no teaching or suggestion of the above-described features of amended independent claim 2. For at least this reason, claim 2 is believed patentable over Anderson.

The other claims in this application are each dependent from the independent claim discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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